

Community Forum Action Notes

Forum: Kingswinford North & Wallheath, Kingswinford South, and Wordsley

Date and time: Monday 17th September 2018 6.30pm

Venue: St Mary's Church Hall, Kingswinford

Attendance: Councillors P Miller (chair), E Lawrence (vice-chair), K Lewis, L Johnson, M Rogers, N Richards, D Tyler
Officers/police: J Catley (Liaison Officer), C Tromans (Community Development Worker), Sgt A Sobolewski, D Chhoker and K Copson (West Midlands Police)

Members of the public: 19

1. Apologies: Councillors P Harley and D Harley

2. Police and Communities Together

Subject

Action/Response

Anti-social behaviour over the summer has been the lowest for some time despite stretched resources. Wordsley Canoe Club had some issues but they were resolved quickly. Other crime equal to previous years however burglaries are on the increase.

Police asked residents to be the eyes and ears of the police and to feed them information using e-mail, phone and West Midlands Now.

Drug dealers in Kingswinford - nitrous oxide canisters littering the park.

Police asked again for reports to be sent to them with any car registration numbers.

Concentrated crime areas - what is being done proactively to rectify this?

Police confirmed work is allocated on a priority basis. The areas that report more get more resources, hence encouraging reporting.

A lady reported a targeted stalking campaign in Dean Avenue Kingswinford which was causing her severe distress.

Police took a separate report of this outside of the meeting.

Additional Item: Three Villages Medical Practice

Subject

Dr Ruth Tapparo from Three Villages Medical Practice shared details of a public consultation around proposals to close the Wollaston branch surgery.

Action/Response

People were invited to comment.

3. Listening to you

Subject

Travellers on Crestwood Park. Potential to move 100 yards to the green area. Could a roadblock be introduced to prevent this from happening when they are forced to move?

Action/Response

Due process is being followed and it should take 4-5 days with a ban to return within a given radius.

Traffic lights at Kingswinford Cross - is it possible to have a total stop pelican crossing?

Cllr Tyler explained that this had been requested previously and the site is not suitable due to traffic congestion.

A resident requested support to lobby the Council to widen and tarmac the Kingswinford Railway Walk.

Cllr Tyler commented that the section within Dudley is particularly poor. J Catley to find out who owns the land as it was not certain it belongs to the Council.

A resident provided an update on the latest position on the trees in Murdoch Avenue. His home insurance has increased by £210 for the trees and £150 for the culvert and that if the issue wasn't resolved by 25th September 2018 the matter was going to court.

Cllr Rogers suggested he tried Direct Line Insurance, as they did not increase premiums for third party trees.

A resident wanted to discuss the Dudley Hippodrome.

This has been discussed at previous forums.

A resident commented that the housing developments in Old Wharf Road and Ibstock Brick site would add significantly to the already congested road network.

Cllr Miller commented whilst this was potentially a problem the housing was much needed.

Members of the Good Companions group attended to thank the forum for the funding recommended at the last meeting and to say that their members were very grateful.

Noted that the feedback was appreciated.

4. Working with you

Subject

Action/Response

Nothing to report

5. Funding

Applicant

Recommendation

Dudley Community Church

Agreed to recommend funding of £3,000 - £1,000 to come from each of the three wards to support people who are socially and emotionally vulnerable

Christmas trees and lights

Agreed to recommend funding of £4,934.39 for Christmas trees and decorations

Wall Heath Ladies Choir

Agreed to recommend funding of £3,000 - £1,000 to come from each of the three wards to help run the choir for one year

Meeting ended at: 8:22pm